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In the middle of 1950, an order came out from Warsaw which required all houses to have sand and water stored in the attics. [] associate this with the organization known as OPL. A special group of civilians went around checking houses to insure compliance with these fire-fighting measures. There were no blackouts. [] some factories in Bielsko had started holding practice alerts, but could supply no detailed information. All shelters were required to be cleaned and maintained.

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In the village of Czechowice (4953 - 1901E), eight kilometers north of Bielsko, the refinery of the Vacuum Oil Co. was in full operation [redacted] in May 1950. There was a large refinery about to be built in the area of the village of Wapienica (4949N - 1859E) about five kilometers west of Bielsko. In April 1951 [redacted]

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Nothing had been done beyond the laying in of construction materials and the building of barracks for workmen. A barbed wire fence had been put up which was about five kilometers in diameter. A spur line had been put down which ran about two kilometers north of the railroad station in Wapienica.

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[redacted]
one munitions storage depot located about eight kilometers northwest of Bielsko in a village called Miedzyrzecze (5002N - 1904E). It was used by the artillery regiment in Bielsko. This depot covered more than a square kilometer and was surrounded by a barbed wire fence. One [redacted] installed electric wiring at this depot early in 1951. [redacted] the area of the depot was heavily guarded by patrols from the Bielsko artillery regiment.

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a power station was to be built at a dam on the Sola river at Porabka-Miedzybrodzie (4848N - 1912E), in 1952. [redacted] an additional power station was to be built here later.

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It is proposed to install a new electric railway line from Bielsko over the 16 kilometers stretch to the village of Szczyrk (4943N - 1902E). This was to be started in early 1952. At the present, this line uses buses, but these are very inadequate and always overcrowded. Since 1947, bus lines in Bielsko have used Soviet ZIS, Hungarian Mavag and Italian Fiat buses. Fiat was the best bus, carrying 68 passengers; however, since the beginning of 1949, there have been no spare parts for these buses. There is a serious transportation problem in Bielsko. This particularly effects the thousands of villagers from the surrounding area who work in the factories in the city and must commute.

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[Redacted] the arms and jet engine parts plant in Starachowice [Redacted]

[Redacted] was very heavily guarded and that heavy guns were manufactured here. The plant had Russian technicians. It was conjectured that parts for jet engines were manufactured here but employees worked in separate sections on small parts and had no real conception of the end product.

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